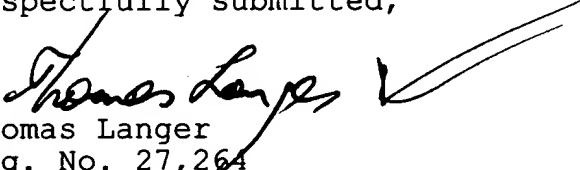


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Restriction has been required to one of five groups of claims drawn to what the Examiner contends are distinct inventions. Claims 13-18 of Group III are hereby elected, without traverse.

Independent claim 24 has been revised so as to be dependent from claim 13. Therefore, claim 24 as well as claims 25-29 dependent thereon now also belong to the elected group of claims. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to substantively examine claims 13-18 and 24-29.

Respectfully submitted,


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24. (Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

[A method of fabricating a magnetic disc device comprising a magnetic head device including a slider having a magnetic head element and a suspension structure having one end supporting the slider, a rotatable magnetic disc, a head IC chip which is a separately-formed component from the slider, and an electrically conductive connecting device for establishing an electrical connection between the magnetic head element and the head IC chip, the method including the steps of:

mounting the head IC chip on the connecting device so as to face the magnetic disc;

rotating the magnetic disc at least when the head IC chip is in operation;

selecting the mounting position of the head IC chip on the connecting device where the head IC chip is always exposed to a flow of air produced by rotations of the magnetic disc so that the head IC chip is continuously cooled by the flow of air at least when the head IC chip is in operation; and]

arranging for the head IC chip to be located with respect to the magnetic disc with a distance between opposing surfaces of the head IC chip and the magnetic disc smaller than 1000 μm .

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